

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 remain pending.

The Examiner suggested that page 11 of the specification be corrected at line 19. The typographical error noted by the Examiner was discovered on both lines 19 and 20 of page 11 and has been corrected in the replacement paragraph presented above.

Claim 1 has been revised to remove a passage not essential to the invention and not in any event limiting with respect to the recited inspection method. In this regard, the reference to the porous diffusion resistance layer and dense protective layer are not essential to the invention nor do they characterize the recited inspecting method of the invention, because the recited inspecting method provides the same effects when used on a sensing device that does not include such layers.


The Examiner noted that claim 2 included a phrase that appeared to be redundant. Actually, the phrase noted by the Examiner was not redundant because the voltage is applied between a reference side external terminal and said conductive inspection solution. Thus, the text of claim 2 has been rearranged and revised so as to correctly state the intended limitations thereof. No new matter has been added and it is believed that claim 2 is clear and allowable along with claim 1.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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